

I. INTRODUCTION (CONTINUED)

Who can bid on this RFP?

This RFP is not limited to a certain group of Bidders. This is an open RFP, and both private and public entities are encouraged to respond.

~~For purposes of this RFP, the different University of California campuses, California State University campuses and National laboratories will be considered separate entities. Academic institutions, their Foundations, and National Laboratories are limited to submitting one Program Proposal from any one principal investigator (i.e. each principal investigator qualifies as a separate bidder).~~

~~Likewise a~~Any number of individuals from an organization can submit proposals. However, an individual business entity can only submit one Proposal in response to this RFP. ~~An individual who is also a sole proprietor is considered a single business entity for the purpose of this policy. Businesses, for profit and non-profit, are limited to submitting one Program Proposal from any one business entity (i.e. each senior program/project manager qualifies as a separate business entity).~~Individuals may be anyone including principal investigators or project managers for an organization.

~~Business entities and principal investigators~~Individuals, that submit more than one Proposal will have all of their Proposals screened out and eliminated from further consideration. ~~On the other hand, a business entity or principal investigator can be a subcontractor in any number of Proposals as long as each subcontractor role involves a different research Project. An organization cannot submit the same research Project in multiple proposals.~~ If the same research Project by the same ~~entity~~organization appears in multiple Proposals, the Project will be eliminated from all Proposals. An organization can participate as a subcontractor under multiple proposals as long as it is for different projects.

Purpose of RFP

This RFP is the first of a possible annual TIBC solicitation schedule that will target buildings-related energy efficiency research areas.

The purpose of this RFP is to identify and select one or more prime contractors to conduct and direct RD&D projects arranged as integrated research programs that fall into the targeted areas of the PIER Buildings program (See research topic discussion in Scope and Context section below and in Attachment 12).

Available funding

Current funding for this solicitation is \$9.3 million, but the Energy Commission reserves the right to alter this amount. In order to be considered for funding, all proposals shall request no more than \$2 million and no less than \$750,000. The sole exceptions are for Proposals that fall into a budget limit exempted Research Topic area, as identified in the Attachment 12 research topic list, which will be screened for an alternate minimum and maximum budget level.

Requested funding should reflect the level of effort proposed. The Commission anticipates funding several separate agreements as a result of this solicitation. ~~The Commission will award no more than one agreement under this RFP to any one prime contractor. (Note that as stated above, an entity may appear in more than one Project and as part of more than one program Proposal, provided that the same research project does not appear under more than one Proposal).~~An organization may receive more than one award but an individual from an organization cannot submit more than one proposal. The total amount funded may be less than \$9.3 million based on proposals achieving the minimum passing score. The Commission also reserves the right to make no awards.